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The First Canadian Seals

These were the first Christmas Seals sold in Canada. Campaigns were conducted by the Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, and for the Muskoka Free Hospital, from Toronto. That was in 1908, after which the campaign became an annual event in many cities until 1927 the first Canada-wide campaign was organized. This year then we are celebrating the fiftieth Christmas Seal Sale held in Canada.

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CANADIAN STAMPS

Selections based on Canada Basic Cat. available on approval on request. Collections running in value from $10.00 to $5,000.00 also on hand and at times the great rarities. At present have a very fine 12d on WOVE paper used on cover, very likely the only copy of this rarity on the market anywhere in the world. Several 12d on laid paper also on hand.

At all times am in the market to purchase collections and stocks of Canadian stamps, other than packet material. Summer and winter I have a travelling representative who will go to any part of Canada or the U.S.A. to meet collectors and inspect worthwhile properties. Correspondence invited.

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The Third Page

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NEW POSTAGE STAMP COMING

The Honourable William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced the details of a new design postage stamp that will be issued on the 22nd of January, 1958.

The stamp will be of five cent denomination and is intended to emphasize the significant influence of the printed word on the life of Canadians. Because it is the most popularly known form of printed communication, the newspaper is depicted as the subject of the stamp. Canadian newspapers have long maintained an enviable reputation in dealing with day-to-day affairs, both in news and editorial form.

Issuing of the stamp also coincides with celebration of the jubilee of The Canadian Press, the co-operative news gathering organization which serves member newspapers throughout the country. This non-profit organization in its day-to-day disssemination of news material has played an important part in bringing the people of Canada closer together and in helping to create the Canada of today.

The stamp was designed by Mr. A. L. Pollock of Toronto. Mr. Pollock has achieved outstanding success with the design of previous Canadian postage stamps, notably the current Textile Industry stamp, the Chemical Industry stamp and a stamp issued by the United Nations. The stamp will be printed in black and white and is being engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa.

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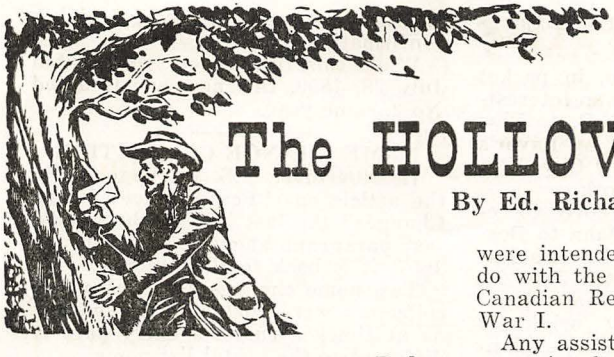


The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

No. 390—Essays (?) for 1917 Red Cross Seals?

Just recently came into possession of ten different imperforate proofs which appear to have been Essays for the Canadian Red Cross Society Seals of 1917.

They are all printed on rather poor quality, yellowish-white wove paper, and come in three colors—brown, purple and green. They consist of two different frame designs, 1) "CANADIAN" in arch at top, "RED CROSS SOCIETY" in panel at bottom, and 2) "CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY'" in panel at bottom. The central designs vary, but are all of various buildings, none of which are identified. I have managed to identify a few but can use help on the others.

Check list:—

1. Frame design #1—Brown—"Chateau Frontenac".
2. Frame design #1—Purple—"Chateau Frontenac".
3. Frame design #1—Brown—"Parliament Buildings, Ottawa".
4. Frame design #2—Purple—"Parliament Buildings, Ottawa'".
5. Frame design #2—Brown—"Legislative Buildings, Victoria".
6. Frame design #2—Purple—"Legislative Buildings, Victoria".
7. Frame design #2—Brown—"Not identified, group of buildings with arch gate."
8. Frame design #2—Purple — as above.
9. Frame design #2—Green—"Legislative Buildings, Regina".
10. Frame design #2—Green—"Not identified, but might be Legislative Buildings, Fredericton".

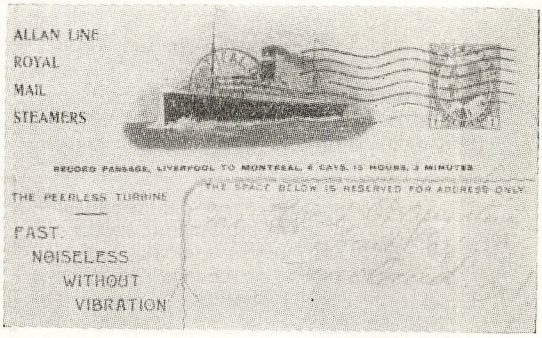
No doubt these might have had, or were intended to have, something to do with the raising of funds for the Canadian Red Cross during World War I.

Any assistance on these would be appreciated.

No. 391—$2.60 Emerald Green Unemployment

Back in packet #328 I reported to you the complete listing of the current Unemployment series, the issue of 1955. In this the $2.60 value appears as yellow-Green. On January 1, 1957 this color was changed to Emerald Green. No doubt this was to cut out confusion with the $1.20 value of the same color.

I have seen this new stamp in both mint and used condition, and also with the small sans-serif "SPECIMEN" in red.



No. 392—A New Navigation Pictorial Post Card

Here's a new one to add to your copy of Nelson Bond's list of "Railway and Navigation Pictorial Post Cards". A new Company in fact!

Illustrated herewith is the Allan Line Royal Mail Steamers card. All printing is in black on the 1c carmine Edward card. No name is given for the ship illustrated. I have seen three or four copies of this, all from one find. It must be very rare as it was hitherto unrecorded.

No. 393—Another Favor's Express Cover

Just a short time ago, in packet #386, we reported to you an interesting cover from St. John, N.B., to New York, via Boston, carried by Favor's Express to Boston, then by Gay, Kinsley's Express to New York.

We now have a second cover to report. This one from St. John to Boston, and bear's only the Favor's Express label. Letter is dated July 23, 1849. The letter refers to some legal matters and apparently originally enclosed some papers. The explanation as to why the letter was sent "outside the mails" is also in the letter, referring to the fact that the papers were delayed and "did not come in time to send them by the last boat."

The label differs slightly in format from that on the other cover. It is black on orange, whereas the other was black on green. Just goes to prove the old saying about "never rains but it pours!"—just two months ago we found our first one in twenty years, and now we have a second one! Next month I hope to report the addition of a third cover, this time with handstamp only. Keep fingers crossed!

No. 394—Cape Breton Island Game Stamp

Illustrated this month is the Cape Breton Island Fish and Game Association's "Game Project" stamp. Printed in green on white wove, it is perforated 12½.

It does not bear any denomination.

A pheasant in flight is pictured.

And while these "stamps" were not issued by an official govermental agency, there is considerable interest in them, along with the Game, Duck and Conservation stamps of the other Canadian Provinces.

No. 395—Kentville "K" Cancel

Back in packet #374 we reported a cover bearing a black cork cancel with a colorless "K" cut into it, used from Kentville, N.S. At the BNAPS Convention last September I was fortunate enough to find another cover with this same marking, giving confirmation.

While this first cover was dated July 28, 1899, this new one is dated No 3, same year.

NAME CHANGE CORRECTION

In November P.S. on page 13 in the article on "Post Office Name Changes" the last line of the second last paragraph should read "Now, in 1957, it is back to Bishopton."

Two name changes asked about by collectors were custom office names, as at times a customs entry port is different to the postal list name.

Two name, or site, changes defy solution, so far. They are Margaree, N.S., and Ossokeag, N.B.

Hampton, Hampton Ferry, and Ossokeag, did some changing that will probably solve the mixup in New Brunswick numeral cancellations if the detail is known. It was thought Hampton and Hampton Ferry were the same place, but Mr. Foster in New Jersey produced a cover with postmarks of the two places dated the same day, thus proving more is to be found about these changings.

In Cape Breton, N.S., Margaree, Margaree Forks, and Margaree Harbor, are very indefinitely located as to site. This will be a problem between 1824 and 1877, that some locality historian may know the solution of.

In regard to altering a lithograph map, noted in a former article—the greasy ink in the original design is very difficult to remove by abrasion on the stone as it penetrates a little depth, thus the new word is flecked with smudges quite often. It is not difficult to add words on part of the stone that had no previous inking.

The 1875 map mentioned in the Name Change article was Walker & Miles Postal Map, of 1875, which comes in an Atlas, or in wall maps of four of the Atlas pages combined in one large sheet—the best postal maps I ever saw. This map includes all the provinces, as of 1875.—Frank W. Campbell.

Mrs. Smith—"Have you sold your house yet?"

Mrs. Jones—"No. After reading the agent's description of it, it seems to be just the house we have been looking for."

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CYPRUS	125-33 to 9p	4.10	1.75
"	125-35 complete	16.10	7.50
GIBRALTAR	96-99	2.30	1.00
"	SG 66-71 rare 6d 55/-	84/3d	4.50
GRENADA	114-21	3.50	1.65
MALTA	64 rare 2/6 SG 95	12.00	5.00
NIGERIA	38-45 with lower tabs	3.85	1.75
NYASSALAND	38-46	5.65	2.35

Geo. 6th Issues Mint

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AUSTRALIA	175 1/- rare perf 13½ SG 35/		2.50
FIJI	125-7 2/-, 2/6, 5/-	3.00	1.50
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Canada Notes—Scott's 1958 Catalogue

by L. Seale Holmes, M.D.

I find 178 changes in unused prices and 100 changes in used prices upwards. These indicate that Canadian stamps are increasing in popularity and demand. There were very few changes among the classic pence issues. There has been a very heavy demand over the past year for these items and some staggering prices have been established for superb and very fine copies. Even fine copies, which Scott does not define, often bring full catalogue prices. No. 1 Canada, our popular 3p unused goes only to $900.00, yet I firmly believe it is as scarce as the 12p in unused condition. In the first Cents issue the 2c value has justly been advanced in used only. This stamp is almost as scarce as the 6p, which is priced far above it. The very popular 1868 issue remains steady with a few small advances in unused.

Changes in the "small" cents issues are just about absent. What surprises me are the 1897 Jubilees with advances almost all through. I wondwhy! You find these in every auction sale of Canadian but you must remember those are collections being sold and not hoarded supplies being dumped on the market. This issue was not printed in large quantities, hence the prices could easily have been advanced more than they have been. I would have expected the Quebec issue would have had more advances than it did receive. They too are in very small supply and both dealers and collectors are always on the hunt for them. The few advances in the Numeral and Maple Leaf issues were surely due as these numbers are very hard to locate and like the Jubilees are comimng out of old collections. You "mint" paranoics take timely warning and be prepared to pay fantastic prices if you ever run across them. What amazes me is the continued presence of 88a and 88b. These juvenile 'do-it-yourself" pieces of paper are most surely in strange company in any catalogue. My, how easily some people are hoodwinked. The 7c, 10c and 20c Edwards advanced unused—a sort of annual advance, and what one could expect.

The first Geo. V issues are sure going up all along the line. The demand for these is terrific and not too well satisfied. Supplies seem to have dried up. There is here a really big field for study, when you consider the wet printings and the dry printings, re-engraving and retouching, together with all the many tints, especially in the 1c green and 2c carmine. What a showing can be made with these two values alone.

Who asked about coils! Sure they are going away up. They too have shades, paste-ups, and these rare paste-ups at the start and end of each roll. Just try to get any of them! Speaking of coils, would it surprise you that they will soon be a thing of the past, like the registration stamps and airmail stamps. Coils are fast being pushed into history by the meter stamps, and it would not surprise me if the P.O. did not issue any more, if and when time for another set arrives. Canadian coils were never more popular than they are right now, and supplies are far from plentiful. Some are almost impossible to locate. Collectors are collecting them in pairs, paste-up pairs, also strips of 4 of both of these, and some collect them in strips of 5 and 10. The most stupid pricing is No. 134. There were only twice as many of these issued as of No. 133. If priced correctly No. 134 should be priced at $4.00 instead of the lowly 50c.

Coming now to Nos. 136-7-8, the imperforate items, which were issued in quantities of 50,000, 50,000 and 100,000 respectively. These were not sold by the post offices but only to collectors, dealers and hoarders. So wy not price in the right proportion, which would price these at, No. 136, $4.50; No. 137, $4.50 and No. 138 at 2.25. Now look up the catalogue and see how far off the beam are the prices there. Just go next door to the overprints, No. 139 and No. 140. These were issued in quantities of 50,000 and just over 100,000. So, if imperfs are right as I have priced them above, these should be No. 139, $4.50 and No. 140 should be $2.25. We need what I would call "consistent" pricing. a 1 to 2 ratio should be maintained to be in unison with the

quantities issued. These stamps that I have been discussing were on sale to the collectors, etc., and were not used for postage and lost, but nearly all are still in existence today.

Coming to the 8c orange of 1930 issue, we find no used stocks in the dealers hands. Here is a sleeper. The 13c Conference is another and price advances are in order and will continue to be so. The $1.00 Fish is sure jumping and so will the $1.00 Edith Cavell Mountain. Both are real scarce both unused and used. Later, note the 5c ICAO No. 354 is up and all because of a limited number issued. In another year just watch the "Sports" four stamps. I predict big advances for them. The C2 Airmail advanced in used but actually it is much scarcer used than unused. The air rate changed almost as soon as this was issued, so it was not in used very much.

E8, the last 20c Special Delivery is up and will go on going up as it too came out just when the rate was reduced to 10c. Even the 10c over-print on this tamp is a real sleeper and should have been advanced. J3, first 4c due stamps jumped more and is a real scarce one—the best one of all dues. The early officials all climbed and will continue to do so next year. The demand is heavier every day and all of them are what could be called sleepers. Right here, if you are wise, you will not overlook the perforated officials which Scott does not list. They are the best buys today, IF you can get them. In closing I wonder at the inconsistency in listing some of the imperforate stamps and then ignoring many others of them.

YUKON ARTICLE ERROR

In our Yukon article last month we mentioned that Mike Mahoney was popositioned to take out an estimated 4,000 letters from Dawson to Skagway in December 1898. This should have read December 1897. The trip was made the last week of December 1897 and early part of January 1898. Readers filing their November P.S. for reference should note this correction. Incidently Mahoney died in Ottawa, Canada, April 8th, 1951, aged 75.

It has also been suggested that the cover illustrated on page 16 of the above article may have carried both U.S. and Canadian stamps because the envelope may have been a stamped reply envelope sent to the addressee and in using it for a reply a 2c Canadian stamp was required for posting at Dawson.

And in the McGreely Express article in the same issue it was said in reference to the stamp illustrated that a U was used instead of a Y in spelling Skagway. This error was obvious to the reader as the stamp showed that W was the letter effected. However, we regret making such errors.

Perhaps interesting is the selling to tourists of nails at 5c each from the S.S. Yukoner when she was demolished at Whitehorse last summer, and a flashback that nails in Dawson City during the 1898 gold rush building boom sold at $28.00 a lb. If these nails were the three inch variety, they then cost about 35c each at Dawson in 1898.

T.S.C.C. NOTES

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club attendance is up well over 10 per cent in their new meeting place, and the programmes have been well diversified.

On October 7th, Mr. George Hicks drove all the way from Listowell to show his splendid collection of Small cents which included lovely used blocks with brown and maple leaf cancellations.

On Monday, November 7th, the designer of the 5c Mining and 20c Paper Products stamps, Mr. A. J. Cassin, O.S.A., gave a most interesting talk on just how he went about building up his designs.

Then November 21st,, to really vary the programmes, Mr. William Slate brought along a portion of his 19th century philatelic literature.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES

The Toronto Globe in its November 23 issue mentions in an article on TB Christmas seals that the first campaign and seal of Christmas seals in Canada in 1908 brought in $7,358. Last year the Canadian Christmas seal contribution had risen to $2,800,000. The funds are used in maintaining and expanding free X-ray units and detection clinics in the Association's fight against tuberculosis.

CANADA JOTTINGS

By Will Eye

No. 22 Official P. B. Survey, Re O9.

To follow up the table published in last month's P.S. we intend this month to make a few remarks concerning same and to follow up in future editions with other explanatory marks and details. Should there be further items you feel should be discussed after this time, drop us a note and if of general importance and interest we will discuss same in this column.

Re the O9 plate blocks, it comes as rather a surprise to us (although possibly not to some others) to find the rather large number of LL positions reported relative to the other three positions. Actually twice that of upper positions. It appears as if there is a rather simple explanation here which we have found in checking with about a dozen owners. Many were purchased from the Agency and because of the rumour and/or fuss at the time over the missing period varieties many ordered the LL position in plate block form. Actually we do not believe that these missing period varieties nor the exact position of same was determined until after the O9 were obsolete at the Agency, but we could be wrong here. We have received information that an Ottawa dealer had the 'inside track' on these and picked up about 20 plate blocks with missing periods at the time or shortly after issue. The above, coupled with the fact that you find some people collect only one each of the plate blocks (and in this instance it is invariably the LL position they collect since it has the additional attraction of the printer order number and plate in the left hand vertical selvedge) seem to have resulted in more LL positions being in existence in collectors hands today. Actually some collectors have this position that do not generally collect plate blocks, as it is a variety and thus attracts collectors from this field also, so with the additional demand from here we find the LL position seems to be about the same price as the LR. Many have felt for some time that the upper positions were far scarcer than the lower on this stamp, and I think the survey verifies and supports this thought—also it is very evident from the number of collectors who are after all four positions, nine out of ten are missing both, or one of the uppers rather than either of the lowers. In any event any position is certainly nice property and indeed one of Canada's true modern rarities. The single stamps and blocks in ordinary form are scarce enough and it is interesting to note that on Bileski's price list he has them retail now at $30.00 each. The demand for this stamp shows no signs of decreasing and dealers now have almost no supply in their stocks. One last note to those of you who have asked to try and have exchanges arranged on these O9 plates, I would suggest where you are offering a lower for a wanted upper you will have to add some further inducement to obtain same in light of the rather established additional rarity of the uppers. So please drop us a line, otherwise we will not attempt to make a straight exchange of lower for upper.

No. 23—Pl. Blk. Officials Survey. O2

One of the most surprising results to us of the survey was the number of plate block O2 that were reported. If this is anywhere near the mark then this plate is a very scarce item and far, far underpriced in today's market. Again we have a similar circumstance re the LL position as a number of non-plate block collectors reported having this in a block of ten containing the missing period—so with these not available to plate block collectors possibly that is why the LL position seems to have a price premium over the uppers.

No. 24—Pl. Blk. Survey—General

We just wish to emphasize here that the rarity now established for many of these Official plate blocks (witness the recent prices in the plate block catalog.) puts them far out of the reach of the ordinary collector. However, do not become discouraged by this—just leave out the rare ones or alternatively leave out these plates completely where an expensive position occurs (if you are collecting matched sets and insist upon same). Also in regard to the more recent issues it has now been established that the "thick" G variety (where the letter broke apart) was on plates Nos. 1 & 2 of the current 5c—not all positions reported.

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Dawson-Yukon Law Stamps

by Ed. Richardson, BNAPS

What visions these beautiful Law Stamps bring to the Canadian Revenue collector! Shades of Jack London, Robert Service and Rex Beach! Stories of the gold rush stampede of 1897-98,—all these are brought to mind when one turns to these pages in their albums.

Actually there are two sets of Law stamps from the Yukon Territory, both issued in 1903. Let's consider those of the Dawson Mining Court first.

Dawson Mining Court Law Stamps

This town, located on the Yukon river, in the heart of the Klondike gold region, was founded in 1896. By 1898 its population had reached more than 30,000. In 1898 it became the administrative capital of the Yukon Territory. Severely damaged by fires in 1898 and 1899, and with the first flush of the gold rush over, its population dropped to a little more than 9,000 in 1901. By 1951 the population had dropped to less than 800, and in that year the capital of the Yukon was transferred to White Horse.

The Mining Court stamps, issued in 1903, were beautifully engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. The company imprint appears below the design of each stamp. They are perforated 12, and are on a yellowish-white wove paper with distinct vertical mesh. The slightly yellowish tone to the paper may be due to the thick yellowish gum which was used. All values are printed in vermilion, and are with the same basic central design, with various frame designs.

Small die proofs on india paper are known of the 25c and $1.00 denominations. These are cut to stamp size, imperforate and are printed in carmine,—quite different from the color of issue. Only one example of each of these die proofs are known.

The entire set exists with a very small "SPECIMEN" handstamped (?) overprint. This overprint seems to be uniformly applied in the upper right quarter of the stamp, and reads up.

Check List

		Normal Stamp Perf 12 Vermilion	Normal Stamp overprinted "SPECIMEN
DML	1	10c x	x
	2	25c x	x
	3	50c x	x
	4	$1.00 x	x
	5	$2.00 x	x
	6	$3.00 x	x

No. 2 25c and No. 4 $1.00 appear Die Proof on India, carmine.

Most copies of these stamps will be found either in mint condition, or will be punched "CANCELLED". While some of these have a high catalogue value, nevertheless all are scarce and appear on a great many revenue collector's want lists.

Yukon Territorial Court Law Stamps

Yukon Territory was created as a separate district in June 1898. Its population growth was rapid and similar to that of Dawson, but hit a low of approximately 4,100 in 1911. By 1951 it had climbed back to over 9,000. Gold production from this territory for the period 1898-1948 totaled about $244,000,000. Gold mining is still the major industry of the territory. 554 miles of the Alaskan Highway are located in this territory, or about 45 per cent of the entire length.

The Yukon Territorial Court Law Stamps, also issued in 1903, were also engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Like

the Dawson Mining Court stamps, these too bear the bank note imprint below each stamp, are perforated 12, and are on white wove with a distinct vertical mesh. All denominations have the same basic central design, but have various frame designs. All are printed in blue.

Small die proofs on india, cut to stamp size, imperforate, and in color of issue, are known of the 10c and 25c denominations. Only one copy of each are known. I have not seen examples of the finished stamps overprinted "SPECIMEN" but would expect to find that they exist.

Just when the Silver and Black Overprinted stamp was issued I do not know. It was not listed in any of the Revenue catalogs until the most recent edition of Holmes'—and I therefore suspect it is of rather late date.

This is a rather scarce stamp, and I doubt if very many copies are in collectors' hands. Holmes' does not price it. I personally have seen or heard of six copies.

Check List

		Normal Stamp Perf 12 Blue	Normal Stamp overprinted "SPECIMEN"
YTL	1	10c x	?
	2	25c x	?
	3	50c x	?
	4	$1.00 x	?
	5	$2.00 x	?
	6	$3.00 x	?
		25c on 10c ?	

No. 1 10c and No. 2 25c appear Die Proof on India, Blue.

Mint copies of this issue seem to be less common than the Dawson Mining Court issues. Most copies come with a punched "CANCELLED"—found in two different sizes. Like the Dawson issue these stamps are not common, and generally underpriced.

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So if you are looking for an interesting but rather limited field for specialization,—why not turn to the Yukon? A collection of territorial cancellations, some gold rush covers, the early airmail covers of this territory, plus the beautiful Law Stamps described herein would make it possible to assemble an album of Yukon Philately that would be an eye catcher at any exhibit!

MAKE VICPEX THE DATE IN '58

The year 1958 will, by all indications, be a memorable one. British Columbia will be a-buzz with activity from January to December as the province celebrates its centennial. Centre of festivities will be Victoria, the famed Beautiful City of Gardens. Philatelic activity will reach its height in May when convention doors are thrown open at Victoria's spacious old-world Empress Hotel, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of that month. The city's gardens, ablaze with color in the springtime of the year, will compete with VICPEX exhibition hall, 'ablaze' with color of a different sort. Many exhibits are expected, both for competition and display. Undoubtedly, the most eagerly anticipated display will be excerpts from the Royal Collection belonging to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

Host clubs for VICPEX are the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society. The general committee under the chairmanship of A. R. C. Wildig, president of the G.V.P.S., is hard at work laying the groundwork for VICPEX. Working alongside "Chick" Wildig in the post of co-chairman, is J. H. Watson, president of the V.I. P.S. W. A. Teare, general secretary and Morley Davies, general treasurer, complete the nucleus of a committee which has long since taken all primary problems of organization well in hand. Sub-committees have their jobs assigned and everyone is co-operating with a will to assure success.

"Make VICPEX the date in '58" is a slogan Canada will be hearing again and again before next May. The Canadian Philatelic Society cordially extends its invitation through its chapters, the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, to come to Victoria and help B.C. celebrate her centennial.

NO PLATE NUMBERS

The P.O.D. announcement re the forthcoming 5c Newspaper stamp states there will be no plate numbers. This seems a departure from practice as previous commemoratives (at least in recent years) had one or two plate numbers.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Once again Mr. J. N. Sissons of Toronto is in the philatelic limelight with his latest purchase of the renowned pair of the 12d black of 1851. The price paid was $17,500 and we understand they will go into the collection of a Canadian collector. We hope they will remain for a long time in their country of origin. This rare pair was for a long time in the possession of the late Mr. Alfred Lichenstein and were originally bought from Mr. Ronald Angus of Victoria, B.C.

Another of those strange releases, an overprinted 5c on 45c was made lately by Seychelles. The overprinting was done there, and the issue was not distributed by the Crown Agents in London. It has been selling at various prices from 30c to 50c in New York. We understand the total number issued was 100,000, and among the stamps are many varieties and differences in the type work which are selling at high prices. Since the release of the stamp in question a new 5c issue has been distributed.

Interesting reading in "SC" of London are figures given for the total number of collectors in the British Isles which, approximately, is stated to be nearly 2,000,000. This analysis is made by L. N. & M. Williams.

Among various "Fyndem" boosts in "SC" it should be noted the Western Samoan Stevenson set of 1939 is given prominence. It is stated that of the 2½d and 7d values only 120,000 of each were printed. The Great Britain 2/6 green stamp of 1942 is also mentioned for our attention. Many of us may well remember this stamp only a year or two ago was very much in abundance here, however in mint they are very scarce. We are also warned that the Dollar stamp of Singapore should be given attention. Canada again is in the "Fyndem" list, partiality being given to our late U.P.U. issue, and he "stars" them both. It may be the 15c after a short few months may be scarce and hard to acquire. It would be useful to know the numbers printed of these stamps.

Reading in "Stamps" of New York I note Mr. Eaton refers to the final Queen issue of Gold Coast as being an up and coming set. His quotation of present selling prices from $5.50 to $6.50 does not seem excessive for an issue so rapidly obsoleted.,

Our P.M.G. has announced eight new stamps for 1958. Quite a layout and with the extreme popularity of our stamps here and abroad it sounds like good business. However, it goes without question that philatelic spendings are very welcome at Ottawa.

Just at the closing point of this message, Macleans magazine has come to hand. It is my hope every collector will read the remarkable story of Mr. Hans Lundberg by Peter C. Newman. Dr. Lundberg is one of our greatest philatelists and the owner of some 200 albums which contain many world rarities, including the valuable Swedish stamps acquired by him a few years ago. He is an ardent and enthusiastic stamp collector and has a great affection for early European classics.

Stamp months ahead of you for hunting out your wants should give you lots of fun, so enjoy yourselves.

Good luck and so long.

Happy Christmas to you all.

ANNUAL EX AT SAINT JOHN

On November 2nd the Saint John, N.B., Stamp Club held another annual stamp exhibition which was featured in one of the large lounge halls of the Admiral Beatty Hotel. Generous press publicity gave early notice of the coming show. This, with radio broadcasts and TV demonstrations and displays given by Mr. Basil Stead helped considerably to make the exhibition the success it was.

The exhibition was open from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. and consisted of displays from many countries. Rare stamps and rare covers from early issues of the maritimes were much in evidence. Imperf proofs of the New Brunswick Connell stamp, many imperfs of Canada, large blocks of the 1868 issue, mint blocks of four and larger blocks of early Geo. 5th issues and a large collection of plate blocks of the Geo. 5th Admiral issues were much admired. A specialized collection of Israel, including many

rarities was a feature among the exhibits. A fine collection of Netherlands almost complete, a large display of U.S.A. issues were very attractive. The many frames of Topical issues displaying animals, sports, ships, flowers and transportation were reviewed with much interest by all the junior visitors. A fine display of Newfoundland stamps, with several countries of the British Empire added to the interest of all visitors.

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In Bryan Leverton's ad, of Victoria, B.C., last issue an error occurred re Gambia listing. This should have read No. 66 sup. used block $37.50. No. 117a mint $65.00.

W. E. Fyndem in May 17 Stamp Collecting says keep an eye on the 1951 Canada Fisherman $1 stamp

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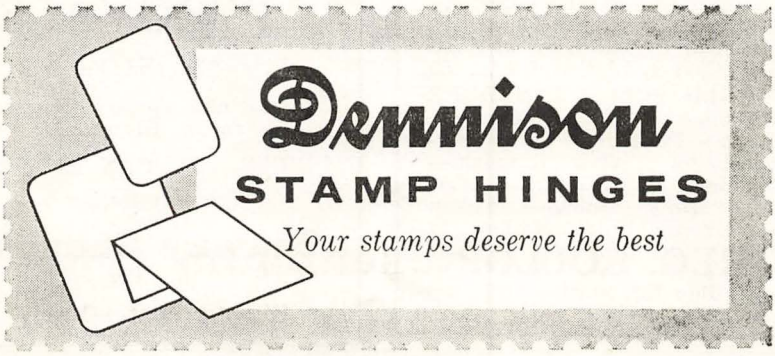

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